

WE.

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The WE series is for . . .

- Anyone who wants to ***get married.***
- Anyone who wants to ***stay married.***
- Anyone who wants to ***stop being married.***
- Anyone who wants to ***remarry.***
- Anyone who wants to ***help other marriages.***



Matthew 19

⁴ Jesus said, “*From the beginning God made them male and female.*” ⁵ *This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into **ONE**.*”

WE do 4 things to finish strong.

- We **Agree**.
- We **Share**.
- We **Work**.
- We **Enjoy**.

***Marriage is a covenant to be FRIENDS,
PARTNERS, and LOVERS for life.***

WE AGREE.

We agree on the PURPOSE of Marriage.

Genesis 1

²⁶ Then God said, *“Let us make mankind in our image, to be like us. They will rule and reign over . . . (creation).”*

Genesis 2

⁷ Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person. ¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to work it and to keep it. ¹⁸ Then the Lord God said,

***“It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a helper who is just right for him.”***

²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. ²³ *“At last!”* the man exclaimed. *“This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from man.”*

²⁴ **This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into ONE.**

²⁵ Now the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. ^{1:28} Then God blessed them and said,

“Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth, rule it and reign over it.” ^{1:31} Then God looked over all he had made and he saw that it was very good.

***GOD created marriage
to make life BETTER.***

We agree on the ORDER of Marriage.

1 Corinthians 11

³ The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Head: *the source of - the headwaters*

¹¹ But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. ¹² For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God.

GOD > HE > SHE > WE

Ephesians 5

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² For **wives**, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

Submit: *to yield to, to get behind leader (military term)*

²⁵ For **husbands**, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. ²⁶ He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

²⁸ In the same way, **Husbands** ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³¹ As the Scriptures say . . .

"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into ONE."

³² *This is a great mystery*, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and church are one.

We agree on the GIFT of Marriage.

1 Corinthians 7

⁷ God gives to some the gift of marriage,
and to others the gift of singleness.

Ecclesiastes 4

⁹ Two are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰ If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ¹¹ Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? ¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.

***If you treat your spouse like a GIFT
maybe they'll be more GIVING.***

We agree on the COVENANT of Marriage.

Matthew 19

⁴ Jesus said, "From the beginning God made them male and female. ⁵ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into **ONE**."

⁶ "Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

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Q: Which one of these needs your attention?

Friends - Partners - Lovers - Covenant